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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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June 5, 2007

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: PD-5

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
RESOLUTION FOR THE SECTION 5311 GRANT PROGRAM
WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution approving Public Works' applications for approximately \$1,500,000 in grant funds over a three-year period from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2010, from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Grant Program as administered by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
2. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy for this Program by authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to accept the FTA Section 5311 Grant.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to file the enclosed Resolution with Caltrans and to take appropriate actions as necessary, including submitting and processing the applications under the FTA Grant Program, issuing certifications and assurances, executing grant agreements and any necessary amendments, and approving and submitting requests for reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to file applications for the FTA Section 5311 Grant Program and to issue certifications, assurances, and other documents required by the FTA pertaining to this program.

Public Works regularly applies to Caltrans for FTA, Section 5311 funds, to provide transportation services to residents in the rural areas of the North County. The regional apportionment is allocated to the County based on the population of the rural area. With these funds, the mobility needs of rural transit users can be both supported and enhanced. The FTA requires grant applications for Section 5311 to be submitted to Caltrans, the State department responsible for administering the grant program.

Board adoption of the Resolution will authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to file and execute applications, certifications and assurances, agreements, amendments, or any other required documents on behalf of the County of Los Angeles for the subject grant program with Caltrans.

Board adoption will also authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to provide additional information as Caltrans may require and to approve and submit requests for reimbursement from Caltrans for the Section 5311 projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this Resolution is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funding to augment the County's funding sources. This action also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence by utilizing grant funding to maximize available resources to provide quality transportation service to residents of rural communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of this Resolution and approval of subsequent Agreements with Caltrans will make available to the County approximately \$1,500,000 in grant funds over the three-year period. This reimbursement will offset a portion of the estimated project cost of \$3.4 million over this period. The County will fund the remaining portion of the cost for the service using funds available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local

Return Transit Program in the Transit Enterprise Fund. Specific annual amounts will be approved through separate Board actions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The FTA's Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program, commonly known as the Section 5311 Program, provides funds for public transportation projects and intercity bus projects serving residents living in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less. With these funds, the mobility needs of transit users residing in these areas can be both supported and enhanced. Section 5311 Program grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, healthcare, shopping, and recreation.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines to be followed when accepting grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to carrying out the activities covered under this grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant is enclosed for your review.

It is required that your Board adopt the enclosed Resolution to apply for the grant funds. Caltrans will issue a Standard Agreement for signature each year; therefore, we are recommending that the Board approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy requiring all grants be accepted by the Board. If adopted, this recommendation would authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute a new contract each year on behalf of the County, after approval as to form by County Counsel. The State will execute the contracts and return a copy to the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378 (b) (4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and hence is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. Appropriate environmental documents will be prepared when projects developed under this Agreement are brought to your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Section 5311 Grant Program will have a positive impact on the County since the funds will reimburse the County for a portion of the cost incurred to provide needed transit services for the residents of the rural areas of the North County. The approval of

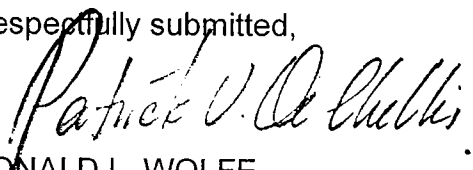
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this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees, as the transit services are presently contracted with the private sector.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please return three adopted copies of this letter together with three adopted copies of the Resolution to Public Works for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,



DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311
(49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to States through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital and operating assistance projects for nonurbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 grants for public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of transit services for residents in the rural areas of the North County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the County of Los Angeles does hereby:

1. Authorizes the Director of Public Works, Chief Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director, to file and execute applications, certifications and assurances, agreements, amendments, or any other required document on behalf of the County of Los Angeles with Caltrans to aid in the financing of operating or capital assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended.
2. Authorizes the Director of Public Works, Chief Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director, to provide additional information as Caltrans may require in connection with the application for Section 5311 projects.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Chief Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director, to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from Caltrans for the Section 5311 projects.

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The foregoing Resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2007,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, an ex-officio of
the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies,
and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER JR.
County Counsel

By 
Deputy

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works

Grant Project Title and Description

Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant, Nonurbanized Formula Program, reimburses the County for a portion of the operating costs incurred to provide public transit services for residents in the rural areas of the North County.

Funding Agency

Federal Transit Administration

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

49 United States Code Section 5311

Grant Acceptance Deadline

End of each Fiscal Year

Total Amount of Grant Funding: approximately \$1.5 Mil.

County Match: * See Below

Grant Period: FY 2008, FY 2009, FY 2010

Begin Date: 7/1/2007

End Date: 6/30/2010

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0

Full Time: 0

Part Time: 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:			
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)			
Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above:

* The County will fund the remaining balance of the project (total cost currently estimated at \$1.9 million) not reimbursed by grant funding.

Hard Costs: \$1,600,000

Soft Costs: \$300,000

Department Head Signature: _____

Patricia V. Decker

Date: _____